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Interviews: 618 adults
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49 Male
51 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 618 interviews is $\pm 4.0\%$

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. Would you say that Tuesday's attacks are more serious than, equal to, or not as serious as the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941?

More serious than Pearl Harbor.....	66	[137]
Equal to Pearl Harbor.....	25	
Not as serious as Pearl Harbor.....	5	
Not sure.....	4	

2. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the terrorist attacks against the United States in New York City and Washington, D.C.?

Approve.....	80	[138]
Disapprove.....	8	
Not sure.....	12	

3. Which one of the following emotions do you feel the most strongly in response to these terrorist attacks? (IF "ALL/COMBINATION" ASK:) Well, if you had to select just one, which emotion would come closest to describing how you feel?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Anger.....	37	[139]
Sadness.....	24	
Disbelief.....	21	
Vulnerability.....	11	
Fear.....	6	
Not sure.....	1	

4. Are you more concerned that the United States will overreact and go too far in its response to these attacks, or that the United States will underreact and not be strong enough in its response?

Overreact and go too far.....	18	[140]
Underreact and not be strong enough.....	50	

Neither/depends (VOL).....	25
Not sure.....	7

5. Do you believe that the United States should take forceful military action against the people who are responsible for these attacks, even if it means risking further retaliation and the threat of war?

Yes, should take forceful military action.....	83	[141]
No, should not take forceful military action.....	8	
Not sure.....	9	

6. Do you believe that these attacks represent a failure of the American intelligence and security systems, or do you believe that these attacks were beyond what is reasonable to expect the American intelligence and security systems to uncover?

Failure of intelligence system.....	41	[142]
Beyond what is reasonable to expect.....	49	
Not sure.....	10	

7. Do you think that these terrorist attacks will have a major effect, a minor effect, or no real effect on whether the country experiences an economic recession?

Major effect.....	47	[143]
Minor effect.....	32	
No real effect.....	13	
Not sure.....	8	

8. How long do you believe it will be before the United States finds those who are responsible for these attacks and takes action against them--will it be within a week, within a month, will it be several months, or longer than that?

Within a week.....	18	[144]
Within a month.....	36	
Several months.....	25	
Longer than several months.....	13	
Not sure.....	8	

9. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that the United States will experience another terrorist attack by the same people responsible for the attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.? **(IF "LIKELY/UNLIKELY," ASK:)** And do you think it is very (likely/unlikely) or just somewhat (likely/unlikely)?

Very likely.....	35	[145]
Somewhat likely.....	31	
Somewhat unlikely.....	15	
Very unlikely.....	12	
Not sure.....	7	

10. Will you or your family change the way you live--such as how or where you travel--because of concerns about terrorism?

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Yes, will change the way you live.....	35	21	[146]
No, will not change the way you live.....	64	78	
Not sure.....	1	1	

¹ In April 1995, this question was phrased, "Have you or your family changed the way you live--such as how or where you travel--because of concern about terrorism?"

11. I'd like to read you several possible responses by the United States to these attacks. For each one, please tell me whether you would strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that response by the United States.

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	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure	
Work with our allies to combat, and over time, eliminate the terrorists responsible for these attacks.....	84	10	1	2	3	[150]
Launch air strikes against terrorists when they are identified and proven responsible for these attacks.....	77	11	4	5	3	[149]
Build a case against the people who are specifically responsible and seek justice in the world court.....	62	13	7	15	3	[147]
Take military action against any nation that allows the terrorists who are responsible for this attack to live and work in their country, even if that country was not involved in the attacks.....	57	15	9	12	7	[151]
Launch immediate air strikes against the strongholds of terrorists who are believed to be the most likely responsible for these attacks.....	51	14	14	16	5	[148]

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	10	[152-153]
25-29.....	7	
30-34.....	9	
35-39.....	11	
40-44.....	12	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	11	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	4	
65-69.....	7	
70-74.....	4	
75 and over.....	6	
Refused.....	2	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[154-155]
Some high school.....	7	
High school graduate.....	30	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	9	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2 or 3 years postgraduate work/master's degree....	7	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F3. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	21	[156]
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	6	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	18	
Other	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	4	

F4a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes.....	10	[157]
No.....	88	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F4b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	78	[158]
Black.....	8	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	4	
Hispanic (VOL).....	6	
Not sure/refused.....	2	